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Christiansburg fire parade fills downtown with noise, lights, big trucks

Christiansburg Fire Department Fire Chief Billy Hanks and 38 volunteer firefighters put on a loud show Tuesday night, Oct. 4, with the annual fire parade through downtown Christiansburg. The parade served to kickoff the observance of Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15. According to a report from the department, the number of overall calls in the area decreased from 967 to 938 in the past year. Nevertheless, the firefighters stay active, serving on many boards or committees of both the Southwest Firefighters Association and the Virginia State Firefighters Association. The firefighters also provide tours to local students and help with car-seat installation for families expecting some newcomers. The line officers for the fire department are Chief Billy Hanks, Assistant Chief, Danny Yopp, Deputy Chief Forest Redd,

First Captain Brandon Turner, Second Captain Pete Haslip, First Lieutenant Jordan Fenton, Second Lieutenant Mike Moore, Third Lieutenant B.J. Smith, and Training Lieutenant Mike Hutchison. The department's corporate officers are Nathan Brewbaker, Floyd Childress, Mike Dickerson, Mike Moore, Donnie Reed, and Potsie Smith. The department's engineers are Doug Adkins, Jeremy Compton, David Flinchum, Justin Griggs, John Linkous, Daniel Mussleman, Link Sheppard, and Brandon Winesett. The department's firefighters are David Akes, Noah Aliff, Scott Canada, Jon-Luk Cole, John Epperly, Billy Linkous, Kevin Meredith, Scott Phillips, Alan Shaw, Barry Simmons, Bobby Sowder, William Spencer, Curtis Whitt, Jeremy Williams, Danny Wilson, and Frank Wright.

~ News Messenger Staff



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Joined by their pet, Arya-Dog, and their son, Ryland, (blocked by his dad) Valerie and Todd Mills had a curbside seat for all the noise and the action at Tuesday night's downtown fire parade in Christiansburg, which kicked off the celebration of Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15.

Montgomery-Radford-Floyd NAACP to hold branch elections

The Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County Branch of NAACP #7092 will hold a Branch Election for the 2023-2025 term. The purpose of the election is to fill all officer positions including four members at large. All positions are open. The Branch Election is November 18, 2022. Branch Elections: Candidates must be a member of this Branch with a current paid membership as of May 1, 2022, and have membership that remained continuous throughout the election process to be eligible to run. At the meeting on September 28, 2022, via zoom at 3:30 p.m., a Nominating committee was elected by the

general body. At the meeting on October 23, 2022, via zoom at 3:30 pm the Report of the Nomination Committee is received, receipt of Nominations by Petition, and election of the Election Supervisory Committee will take place. In order to sign a nominating petition, a member must have continuous current membership as of May 1, 2022, and must live or work within the Branch's jurisdiction. To be elected to the Election Supervisory Committee, a member must be current as of 30 days prior to the election. Membership will be verified by the branch Secretary. On November 18, 2022 the Branch Election will

be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. by means of Electronic Voting-Election Buddy. In order to vote in a Branch election, one must be a member in good standing of the Branch 30 days prior to the election. Membership will be verified by the branch Secretary. Please make sure your memberships are current and the Branch has a current email address. Elections will be conducted by the national office via Election Buddy. Questions, contact us at www.mrfnaacp.org or info@mrfnaacp.org or 540-382-6751 Branch Office. ~ Jim Klagge Branch Communications Committee Chair

RADFORD CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES MEET & GREET



OCTOBER 18 | 5:00-7:00PM
GLENCOE MANSION



Meet and Greet with Radford City Council candidates

The Radford Heritage Foundation will host a Meet and Greet with the Radford Mayoral and City Council Candidates on Tuesday, October 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery. This is a unique opportunity to meet with all the candidates in one place. Spend time with them in a casual

atmosphere to learn more about them and their visions for Radford's future. The candidates are David Horton for Mayor and Kellie Artrip, Bobby Davis Jr, Jessie Foster, Seth Gillespie, Janiele Hamden and Chad McClanahan for City Council. The General Registrar and Director of Elections Tracy Howard will be at the event with voter

registration and absentee ballot applications and sample ballots. He will also answer questions about voting, the election and the ballots. The Meet and Greet is sponsored by the Radford Heritage Foundation. The event is open to the public. ~ Glencoe Mansion

Radford Treat Trail returns downtown Oct. 28

The City of Radford, the Radford Police Department, and the Radford Chamber of Commerce invite the community to attend the Radford Treat Trail in downtown Radford on Friday, October 28, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Local trick or treaters young and old may stop by local businesses showing off

their Halloween costumes and spirit in an event for all ages. To learn more about this event, please contact the Radford Chamber of Commerce at 540-639.2202. ~ News Messenger staff

Montgomery County election information

Early in-person voting began in Montgomery County on September 23 at the County Registrar's Office. From now until November 5, citizens may vote early by visiting Gov. Center, 755 Roanoke Street in Christiansburg. The General Election takes place on Tuesday, November 8.

Polling Location
Voter registration notices indicate the location of the voter's polling place. Voters unsure of their respective polling place may visit the Virginia Department of Elections website (<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/>) for information or contact the Registrar's Office at (540) 382-5741.

Hours
Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

What form of ID do voters need to bring to the polls?
Virginia voters are reminded that state law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of identification (ID) at the polls. Voters arriving to the polls without ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

Questions
If local voters have questions, please contact the Montgomery County Voter Registrar at (540) 382-5741 or the Virginia Department of Elections at (800) 552-9745. ~ News Messenger staff

★ SEP 23 ★
Early in-person voting begins at Registrar's Office (Gov. Center, 755 Roanoke St., Cburg)

★ OCT 17 ★
Deadline to register to vote

★ OCT 28 ★
Last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received by Registrar's Office by 5 p.m.

★ NOV 5 (Saturday) ★
Last day for early in-person voting. Registrar's Office open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

★ NOV 8 ★
Election Day

Visit montva.com/vote for voting information.
Questions? Email govote121@montgomerycountyva.gov



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Monday, Oct. 10:

The Radford City Council will meet in Starnes Council Chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St.; 7 p.m. The agenda can be found at www.radfordva.gov

Public meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

A Radford City Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 4 p.m. at McHarg Elementary School, 700 12th St., Radford. The public is invited to attend. The meeting is also available virtually using Google Meet. To be invited using Google Meet, contact Anne Goodman, Chair, at 540-267-7144, or Kate Leeper, Vice Chair/Secretary, at 540-267-7223, to obtain a virtual meeting link.

At the Christiansburg Library at 1 p.m. This homeschool STEM club explores science, technology, engineering, and math. Ages 8 and up.

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 5:30 p.m. Learn how to make affordable, healthy snacks and meals using an instant pot. Receive free cooking utensils at each class and enter for an instant pot and cookbook on completion of the four-week series. Activities will be provided for children 3and older. Registration is required; space is limited. The program is co-sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension. For more information call the library at 540-268-1964.

Tuesday, Oct. 11:

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant, 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

The Radford City School Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the RCPS Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St. The Agenda can be found at www.rcps.org.

Ends Friday October 14th @ 4 PM

Commercial Land for Sale in Hillsville VA!

TBD Floyd Pike, Hillsville, VA 24343

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



You have the opportunity to purchase land for sale in Hillsville VA at Online Auction. There are 3 offerings being sold. Bidders desiring multiple lots will need to be high bidder on all lots desired. Each offering will stay open until all bidding is complete and all offerings will close simultaneously. These offering are zoned General Commercial and Industrial and range from 7.9 acres to 12 acres.

OFFERING # 1 - 12.089 acres located on 221 in Hillsville VA across from Parkdale Mills (Magnolia). Mostly open with some wooded acreage along the back. Front half of property is zoned General Commercial, and the back half is zoned Industrial but according to county, would not be difficult to change to all GC or all Industrial. Town Sewer on the property. Town Water Access is across 221 from the property, would have to run lines under 221. See Bidder Pack for more details.

OFFERING # 2 -12.089 acres located on 221 in Hillsville VA across from Blue Ridge Concrete Products. Partially open with some wooded acreage along the back and side near offering 1. Front half of property is zoned General Commercial, and the back half is zoned Industrial but according to county, would not be difficult to change to all GC or all Industrial. Town Sewer on the property. Town Water Access is across 221 from the property, would have to run lines under 221. See Bidder Pack for more details.

OFFERING #3 – 7.89 acres of mostly open land located off of Hardscuffle Rd. in Hillsville VA. Primarily open with a small, wooded portion. Zoned General Commercial. No sewer available. Water access is across the street and will have to have lines run under the road. See Bidder Pack for more details.

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Tracts are being offered individually and if bidder wishes to purchase multiple offerings, bidder will need to be the high/winning bidder on each offerings. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 per offering required on day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Download Bidder Pack at VAAuctionPro.com

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The Blacksburg Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. Meetings are open to the public and televised live on WTOB Channel 2. Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday each month.

The Christiansburg Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street).

At the Radford Public Library from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A friendly Halloween-themed trivia competition for teens. Each correct answer will earn a piece of candy.

Wednesday, Oct. 12:

At the Radford Public Library, noon to 1 p.m. Bring a lunch or enjoy Aaron's latest culinary creation. To be discussed is Stephen King's "The Shining."

At the Radford Public Library from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Virginia was awarded \$258 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to support homeowners facing housing instability resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Outreach specialists will be on site to teach about eligibility requirements, qualified expenses, and more. The mobile bus will also be on site. VirginiaMortgageRelief.com.

In conjunction with the League of Women Voters, the NAACP, and the Radford Chamber of Commerce, a Radford City Council Candidate forum will take place at the Radford High School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13:

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1845 Cambria St., Christiansburg, will host an ice cream social and discussion of the wealth gap in the U.S. from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Following refreshments, the church will use a Bread for the World's Racial Wealth Gap exercise to guide the conversation. The event is sponsored by the church and LT2 ("Learning to Live Together").

The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

Radford University Art Museum will host an international symposium on the Mithila art of North India. A morning session will be held at the Floyd Center for the Arts from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Speakers include Guest Curator John H. Bowles, Dr. Punam Madhok (East Carolina University), Dr. Suchitra Samanta (Virginia Tech), and Dr. Susan Wadley (Syracuse University). An afternoon session will be held at Radford University in Davis Performance Hall in Covington Center for the Arts from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Speakers include Bowles, Prof. Radhika Bordia (Jindal University, India), Dr. Mani Shekhar Singh (Jindal University, India), Artist Urmila Devi and former Director of the Mithila Art Institute Kaushik Kumar Jha and Prof. Kathryn Myers (University of Connecticut). Attendees can view related art exhibitions. "Mithila Medley" is on view at the Floyd Center for the Arts, and "Raja Salhesh's Garden," is on view in Covington in the gallery opposite the Davis Performance Hall at Radford University. "Raja Salhesh's Garden" is the first-ever international group show to focus on Mithila's Dalit artists. All events are free and are open to the public.

Saturday, Oct. 15:

Paint Your Own Pottery (PYOP) stores around the country will offer special classes and events to celebrate National PYOP Day. Paint 'n Fun Ceramics in Christiansburg will be participating with activities for everyone in the family.

Mystery author Katharine Schellman will talk about two of her new books, "Death at the Manor" (Lily Adler series, Book 3), and "Last Call at the Nightingale" at the Radford Public Library at 3 p.m. Blacksburg Books will be present to sell copies of Schellman's books. This event was made possible by the Lamplighters.

Sunday, Oct. 16:

At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Jane Goette will talk about her book "A River Road Memoir," a journey through a young girl's idyllic childhood in the rural South to her restless adolescence when the Civil Rights struggle becomes urgent and personal to her family. This unfolding story is told through the second daughter's eyes. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, contact Linda Spivey at 540-382-6969, ext. 221.

Monday, Oct. 17:

In conjunction with the League of Women Voters, the NAACP and the Radford Chamber of Commerce, a Radford City School Board Candidate forum will take place at the Radford High School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

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Submit letters to the editor
to editor@ourvalley.org

ACADEMIC ACHEIVEMENTS

Blacksburg’s Christopher McDonald graduates from Stephen F. Austin

Christopher MacDonald of Blacksburg graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in August 2022. He was among 353 students who received bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees. Enrolling approximately 12,000 students, Stephen F. Austin State University offers more than 80 undergraduate majors and 120 areas of study within six colleges: business, education, fine arts, forestry and agriculture, liberal and applied arts, and sciences and mathematics.

Christiansburg’s Allison Payne

earns dean’s list honors at JMU

Allison Payne of Christiansburg has been named to the dean’s list at James Madison University for the summer 2022 semester. Students who earn dean’s list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Payne is majoring in individualized study. Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public university located in Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley. JMU is one of the nation’s leading lights in higher education, where students enjoy engaging relationships with world-class faculty who drive education innovation and support advanced research. With state-of-the art amenities and facilities, students have access to NCAA Division 1 athletics. JMU also has the highest post-

graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges.

Three graduate from Emory & Henry

Graduating from Emory & Henry College in the spring and summer of 2022 were Kevan Lambert of Elliston, Marilyn Meade of Christiansburg, and Zackie Pendergrass of Radford. Emory & Henry College is located in the Highlands of Virginia. Consistently ranked among the nation’s best private liberal arts institutions, Emory & Henry has more than 80 academic majors and tracks, including the new Schools of Nursing and Business, and an

See **Academic Achievements**, page 8

Community Events

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Tuesday, Oct. 18:

Candidates meet and greet

The Radford Heritage Foundation will host a meet and greet with the candidates for mayor and the Radford City Council on Oct.18, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is being held at the Glencoe Mansion and is open to the public.

Wednesday, Oct. 19:

American Business Women’s Association October luncheon meeting

The American Business Women’s Association will hold its October luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Holiday Inn, 99 Bradley Drive, Christiansburg. The speaker will be Dr. Barbara Johnson, who will speak on women’s health. Theda Blackwood of Theorem is the speaker sponsor for this event. RSVP by Oct. 17, 2022, by contacting Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com.

Thursday, Oct. 20:

Radford Photo Club meeting

The Radford Photo Club will meet at Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. Sharon Gilbert of Radford will talk about the different formats she uses to print her photos, such as ceramic tile, wood, slate, and metal. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. The photo challenge for October is pets. The club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Learn more about the club by searching for “Radford Photo Club” on Facebook.

Legend of Sleepy Hollow

A performance of the classic “Legend of Sleepy Hollow” by Bright Star Theater will be presented at the Radford Public Library at 5 p.m. Follow Ichabod Crane as he becomes the schoolmaster in Sleepy Hollow and encounters a series of spooky events. Appropriate for ages 4+. Sponsored by the Lamplighters.

Saturday, Oct. 22:

Blacksburg leaf compost pick up

Loose and bagged leaves collected by the Town of Blacksburg are composted into leaf mulch. This mulch can be used as a soil additive, for composting, and is available to Blacksburg residents for pickup.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday October 19th @ 4 PM
100 Wooded Acres for Sale
TBD Parkway Ln S., Floyd, VA 24091

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



100 +/- acres of land which showcases nice mature timber. This would be a great purchase to clear off for income. It would also make an excellent recreational property for hunting, ATV riding, hiking, camping and more! The property has 3500’ of Dodd’s Creek frontage as well. Only 1 mile South of town of Floyd and 3 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway at Tuggles Gap. The deed description from an old unrecorded survey indicates 100 acres. Access is a 50’ easement over an existing driveway extending from VA Route 8 and across Dodd’s Creek to the subject property. It is all wooded with mostly mature white pine and some mixed hardwood. The terrain ranges from level to heavy slope and has several cabin or permanent home sites. The southern boundary has long range views.

Terms - 10% Buyer’s Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 required day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Download Bidder Pack at VAAuctionPro.com

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ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday October 20th @ 4 PM
Whitebarrel Winery for Sale
4025 Childress Rd & 3850 Poppy Ln,
Christiansburg VA 24073

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



You have the opportunity to purchase a great property near Christiansburg VA. There are 2 offerings available. Offering 1 features a 1.5 story retail building, storage building and 9.514 acres. Offering 2 features .510 acres located on Poppy Lane. Offering 1 was intended and used as a winery but could be repurposed and used for other commercial uses or agricultural uses. There are grape vines on Offering 1 currently which were used by the winery operation. Offering 2 would be great for building a home and is in a great location.

Offering # 1 - This offering consists of a 1.5 story retail building, a storage building and 9.514 acres. Retail Building is 3,032 sq ft, built in 2011. Very good quality construction. Metal roof, insulated panel siding, and stacked stone fireplace chimney. Interior flooring is commercial grade carpet in second floor offices, stained and sealed concrete in tasting and retail area, kitchen, 2 restrooms and hallway. Sealed concrete in the storage and mechanical room. Interior walls and ceilings are painted drywall. 12’ to 15’ vaulted ceilings in retail and tasting areas, and 8’ in remainder. Heat Pump and electric wall heaters in restrooms. Kitchen has a triple stainless-steel sink and wash sink. Two 200-amp distribution panels, fire and security alarm system, built in speakers and large black walnut tasting bar. Stone paver patio, porch and walk with 16’ x 16’ canopy over patio. The improvements for this property were intended to be used as a winery. Improvements could be repurposed for other commercial uses or possibly as a residence.

Offering # 2 - This offering consists of .510 acres of land located at 3850 Poppy Lane in Christiansburg VA. This building lot is mostly open and located across Poppy Lane from Offering 1. Property has been perked but perk has expired. Build your dream home on this lot. Great location near Christiansburg and Radford VA!

Preview Dates – Friday September 30th
and October 7th at 4 PM

Terms - 10% Buyer’s Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 per tract required day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Download Bidder Pack at VAAuctionPro.com

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARRESTS (SEPT. 25 - OCT. 1)

HAMPTON, REED COMMIT DATE 09/25/2022 00:24
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language; assault; simple assault; vandalism damage property intentionally; damage/destroy any property or monument less than \$1,000

JOHNSON, JEREMY COMMIT DATE 09/25/2022 02:26
Offense
DWI, first conviction .15 to .20

LOWE, ADAM COMMIT DATE 09/25/2022 02:51
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language

KRAEMER, GRANT COMMIT DATE 09/25/2022 03:01
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language

SALEH, TOUFIC COMMIT DATE 09/25/2022 03:10
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language

BISHOP, KETURAH COMMIT DATE 09/25/2022 03:50
Offense
DWI, first offense

NEWBERRY, ROBERT COMMIT DATE 09/26/2022 03:56
Offense
Possession of controlled paraphernalia; traffic – operator’s license revoked; DWI (first offense)

SAWYERS, PAULINA COMMIT DATE 09/26/2022 12:06
Offense
Probation violation, felony

CALFEE, BRITTNEY COMMIT DATE 09/27/2022 01:18
Offense
Family offense – cruelty and injuries to children (2 counts); family offense – wanton or reckless care for child (2 counts)

HARMON, STANLEY, JR. COMMIT DATE 09/27/2022 14:41
Offense
Failure to appear to felony/misdemeanor summons

BURTON, ROBERT COMMIT DATE 09/27/2022 15:10
Offense
Narcotics possession – Schedule IV; narcotics possession

MATHESON, ELISE COMMIT DATE 09/27/2022 16:28
Offense
Failure to appear to felony/misdemeanor summons

MORTON, TYLER COMMIT DATE 09/27/2022 16:34
Offense
Probation violation, felony

PERKINS, AARON COMMIT DATE 09/27/2022 16:46
Offense
Vandalism; damage property intentionally; damage/destroy property or monument less than \$1,000; larceny \$200 or more not from person, larceny less than \$200 not from person

JOHNSON, KEITH COMMIT DATE 09/27/2022 17:37
Offense
Failure to appear to felony/misdemeanor summons

MORTIMER, SEBASTIAN COMMIT DATE 09/27/2022 22:51
Offense
Assault; simple assault (2 counts)

REEVES, MICHAEL, JR. COMMIT DATE 09/28/2022 02:48
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language

SMITH, SPENCER COMMIT DATE 09/28/2022 04:00
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language

MASUD, AMARIAH COMMIT DATE 09/28/2022 16:32
Offense
Damage to attended property driver fails to report more than \$1,000; traffic: operator’s license revoked; DWI (first offense)

SMITH, ERNEST COMMIT DATE 09/28/2022 18:58
Offense
Violation protective order (general)

DADRAS, SEYED COMMIT DATE 09/28/2022 22:18
Offense

Influence of drugs, first conviction

SAYERS, JOSEPH COMMIT DATE 09/28/2022 23:42
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language; vandalism; damage property intentionally; damage/destroy property less than \$1,000

ANDERSON, DONALD, JR. COMMIT DATE 09/29/2022 07:32
Offense
Failure to appear in court for misdemeanor offense

DRUM, AIDAN COMMIT DATE 09/29/2022 16:15
Offense
Larceny less than \$200 not from person

MESQUA, MICHELLE COMMIT DATE 09/29/2022 16:39
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language

BURT, MICHAEL COMMIT DATE 09/30/2022 16:17
offense
Attempted sexual assault intercourse with victim by force, threat or intimidation

VALENTIN, ALFARO COMMIT DATE 09/30/2022 18:00
Offense
DWI, first conviction – .15 to .20; good behavior suspended sentence violation, misdemeanor

YOUNG, JULIAN COMMIT DATE 09/30/2022 19:19
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language

BRADNEY, ALEXANDRA COMMIT DATE 10/01/2022 01:04
Offense
Damage to attended property, driver fails to report more than \$1,000

RIVAS IBANEZ, DANIEL COMMIT DATE 10/01/2022 02:20
Offense
DWI first conviction .15 to .20

REAGAN, WILLIAM COMMIT DATE 10/01/2022 03:08
Offense
DWI first offense

BENNETT, JOHN COMMIT DATE 10/01/2022 03:26
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language

AKERS, CHRISTOPHER COMMIT DATE 10/01/2022 16:14
Offense
Narcotics possession; larceny shoplifting altering price tags, less than \$200 (first offense); failure to appear to felony/misdemeanor summons (2 counts; strangling another causing wound/injury; burglary dwelling house with intent to commit larceny, A&B; assault, simply assault against family member (third subsequent conviction).

MURRAY, BRENDAN COMMIT DATE 10/01/2022 22:12
Offense
Obscenity drunk in public; profane language

PRICE, CASEY COMMIT DATE 10/01/2022 23:52
Offense
Assault simple assault

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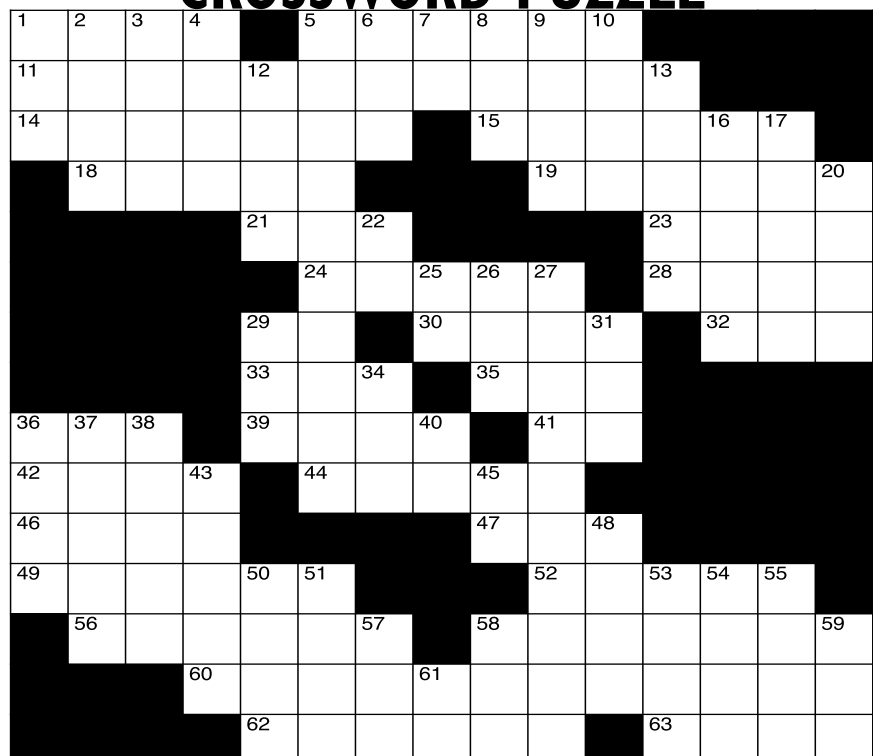
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Flat-topped hill
5. Move upward
11. Admiration
14. It's useful for serving food
15. Kidnap
18. One of the Greek Muses
19. A type of media
21. Sunscreen rating
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. German town devastated in WW2
28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
29. Leave
30. Forearm bone
32. Very fast airplane
33. Helps little firms
35. Defunct economic organization
36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
39. Feels ill
41. Indicates position
42. Beverage containers
44. Assists
46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
47. Purpose
49. Group of elected officials
52. Hebrew prophet
56. They help you drink
58. Lawmaker
60. Charitable
62. Doctrines
63. Footwear
- CLUES DOWN
1. Where wrestlers work
2. Duelling sword
3. Practice fight
4. Genus of clams
5. Fear of heights
6. What some tell their dog
7. The Golden State
8. When you expect to get there
9. Pointed ends
10. Extinct flightless bird
12. Feeds
13. Nape of neck
16. Descendant
17. Small boats found in Turkey
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
26. Brew
27. Feeling of anxiety
29. Young girls group
31. Perform on stage
34. White clerical vestment
36. Popular musical awards show
37. Bumpkins
38. One who acts on another's behalf
40. Direction
43. Look at with fixed eyes
45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
48. A large number of
50. Type of powder
51. Large jug
53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
54. American state
55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
57. Witness
58. Landscapers lay it
59. Type of bread
61. Of I



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Cadet chosen to highlight the colors at today's game versus Pitt



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Cadet Nicholas Dominique will travel with the Hokies to receive the flags at Saturday's football game at Pittsburgh.

NRCC to host ACCE bass fishing tournament fundraiser

New River Community College Educational Foundation is hosting the 2022 Big ACCE Bass Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 15 to support Access to Community College Education (ACCE) at NRCC for Pulaski County students.

The fishing tournament will be held at Claytor Lake State Park with launch at 7:30 a.m. or first safe light. Registrants must check in at the state park boat launch site the morning of the tournament, prior to the start. Weigh-in will be held at 3 p.m.

Tournament registration fee is \$100, with a 70 percent payback. Participants will be judged based on the weight of five total fish (including small, large, and spotted bass). An additional prize of \$500 will also be awarded for the biggest largemouth and smallmouth bass.

Onsite registration will begin at 6 a.m. on the tournament day, and online registration is available through Oct. 13 at www.nr.edu/acce/bass.php. Paper registration forms are available at Conrad Brothers Marine through Oct. 14.

Please note that parking at Claytor Lake State Park requires a \$7 parking fee and a \$2 boat launch fee.

Sponsors for the 2022 tournament are Conrad Brothers Marine, Claytor Lake State Park, and Edward Jones Investments, Andy Owens.

All proceeds from the event support student tuition at NRCC through the ACCE

program. For more information about the tournament, contact the NRCC Educational Foundation at (540)674-3600, ext. 4516 or email Erika Tolbert etolbert@nr.edu.

ACCE is an economic development public/private partnership that makes college available debt-free to high school and home-schooled graduates by funding NRCC tuition for two years. ACCE will support the youth of participating counties by making college within reach. With the support of ACCE, students will graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year university without college debt. ACCE supports as many students as possible based on student need and funds available for the program. For more information about ACCE at NRCC, visit www.nr.edu/acce.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NRCC



Craig Drennen's 'First Acts, Scene 2,' was inspired by Shakespeare's 'Timon of Athens.'

Moss Arts Center exhibitions to feature works from artists Craig Drennen and Steve Locke

Works from two prominent artists are on display in Virginia for the very first time. The Moss Arts Center's fall exhibitions will feature two solo shows: Craig Drennen's "First Acts, Scene 2," a collection of paintings, mixed-media installation, and video inspired by an obscure Shakespeare work, and Steve Locke's "the daily practice of painting," consisting of 114 portraits Locke painted over the course of a year.

The exhibitions will open with a reception on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Moss Arts Center's Grand Lobby, located at 190 Alumni Mall in Blacksburg.

Drennen will give an artist talk on Friday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. in the Cube. The talk also will

be available via livestream on the Moss Arts Center website. The galleries and all related events are free and are open to the public.

Drennen's "First Acts, Scene 2" is a selection of work from the artist's ongoing series based on William Shakespeare's "Timon of Athens." Unproduced in Shakespeare's lifetime and regarded by many as his weakest play, "Timon of Athens" has been inspiring Drennen's slow walk to self-portraiture since 2008.

Largely unknown, "Timon of Athens" invited Drennen to make work "in a desolate place," which he compared to "the Appalachia of my childhood." From the minor to major characters, each serves as an opportunity for

both satire of his artist's personae and a survey of the history of painting.

"The daily practice of painting" is part of Locke's exploration of relationships among men and their gaze. Painted mostly in gouache on 6-by 6-inch clayboard, each square panel features a centered solitary head seen from the shoulders up. Bright hues prevail in these intimate scaled portraits, which contain a multitude of male expressions. Sometimes with eyes closed and tongues out, Locke's men go against the idealized male portraiture. Presented horizontally in a single line below eye level, the viewer looks down to return their gaze, compounding their vulnerability.

~ Moss Art Center



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MOSS ARTS CENTER

Steve Locke's 'The daily practice of painting' features 114 portraits made in 2019 and 2020 and is part of the artist's exploration of relationships among men and their gaze.

ONLINE AUCTION

**Ends Tuesday October 25th @ 4 PM
Country Home for Sale in Floyd VA
1165 Floyd Hwy S., Floyd, VA 24091**

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Sturdy and well-built Home with 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths. It showcases nearly 2,500 sq. ft. of finished living space and would be great for a family! New roof just completed in August. The home has hardwood flooring and a wood burning fireplace in the living room. The home also has a full basement. Kick back on the covered front porch and take in the peaceful country setting. Utilize the brick and stone firepit while entertaining friends and family on the weekends. The home is settled on 5.52 +/- acres with a pond in front of the home and wood fencing along the road frontage and around the house. Also includes an 864 square foot pole barn built in 2017. This is the perfect country home located just a few minutes outside the town of Floyd VA.

Preview: Tuesday October 11th at 3 PM

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**Ends Friday October 28th @ 4 PM
Recreational Retreat for Sale
on Roanoke River North Fork Rd., Elliston, VA 24087**

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You have the opportunity to purchase a great piece of land in Elliston VA! This property showcases a 28.892 acre tract of timberland on the far side of Roanoke River. Tract has a ROW to location where ford or bridge is needed. Last timber cruised in 2011: approx. 75% hardwoods. Long river frontage with great fishing.

Directions – From Ironto exit on I-81, go northwest on North Fork Rd. Past truck stop to private road on left just before RR bridge over N.F. Road. See signs.

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NRCC concert series presents free concert today, Oct. 8

The music of Marshall Page and Coal Mountain and the Dixie Bluegrass Boys will be featured during New River Community College’s concert series event today, Oct. 8, 2022.

The music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

Marshall Page is an accomplished singer/songwriter from Parrott Mountain.

The Dixie Blue Grass Boys are a traditional style group that has been playing for 16 years in the Virginia and North Carolina area. The group performs old-time, country, and bluegrass music for dances and concerts. The band members

are Mikayla Burrows, guitar and vocals; Adam Burrows, fiddle, mandolin, and vocals; Danny Bowers, five string banjo and vocals; and Jerry Steinberg, bass fiddle.

Corporate sponsors of the jamborees are Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Food City; Gregory Seeding and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; King Tire Service, Pulaski; Lee’s Body Shop, Pearisburg; Martin’s Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; The Pulaski Patriot, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery & Pulaski counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians.

- New River Community College

October is scary fun at the CAC

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center October schedule of fun, spooky, and slightly scary evens is as follows:

Friday, Oct. 21; 6 to 8 p.m.

Pumpkin Splash!

Take part in the CAC’s floating pumpkin patch. Children will have a magical time swimming, picking out a pumpkin, hanging out with mermaids and a pirate, and decorating their pumpkin.

Ages: 3-12; children’s admission: \$20 residents and \$30 guests

This fee includes a maximum of two parents/guardians in attendance.

All children attending must be supervised by at least one parent/guardian.

This is a pre-registration event. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Saturday, Oct. 8, and Saturday, Oct. 22

Tackle the Tower!

If you dare, jump from the CAC’s five-meter platform.

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The fee is included with a day pass or membership.

Tuesday, Oct. 25;

JACKED O’ Lantern

5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

The competition pool will be the scene of a thrilling, high-intensity workout involving land, water, and pumpkin. Participants must beware of the burn from burpees, squats, treading water, and other exercises, all involving a pumpkin. Those who complete the workout can take their pumpkins home. Swimmers must be comfortable in water with a depth of seven to 17 feet. The fee is \$15.

- Christiansburg Aquatic Center

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Friday October 21st @ 3 PM

Recreational Land for Sale in Giles County VA!

TBD Wolf Creek Rd., Narrows, VA 24124

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You have the opportunity to purchase the ultimate recreational retreat in Narrows VA! This property showcases 247.75 +/- acres of mostly wooded land. The property was previously timbered and has regrowth. Excellent potential for long range views if one desired to build a mountain home. There are many trails throughout from the old logging roads. This would be a wonderful recreational retreat for hunting, ATV riding, hiking, camping, Horse Riding, etc. There is a 30’ deeded right of way to the property for access. It is in a great, private location near the Virginia/West Virginia line. There is no survey on the property. Property being sold by the deed description and acreage referenced there-in. Bidding for this auction is being done by the acre. See notes about Bidding Per Acre below.

Directions – From Narrows – Take Rt 61 – Property on Left by 3135 Wolf Creek Rd Across from – 3140 Wolf Creek Rd.

Bidding Per Acre: This property bidding is being done by the acre. Bidding amount is x the total acreage referenced in the deed (247.75 acres). Example = Bid of \$100 x Acreage (247.75) = Bid Total of \$24,775.

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Warm Hearth Village Fitness Center now offering massage therapy

BLACKSBURG – LoraLeigh Giessler, a certified massage and somatic movement and expressive arts therapist, recently joined the Warm Hearth Village Fitness Center and is offering massage appointments there on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Giessler completed her initial Jin Shou Tuina™ massage and craniosacral therapy training through the North American Tang Shou Tao Association (NATSTA) in 2010 and continues training in Chinese martial arts and medicine with senior practitioners in her gongfu family.

She received her certification as a Tamalpa Practitioner of movement-based expressive arts from Tamalpa Institute in California in 2019.

“In my massage practice, at the beginning of a session, I observe and listen to the stories told and held in the body,” she said. “I then use manual therapy techniques ranging from very soft energetic work to deep and vigorous manipulation to appropriately affect soft tissue, structural alignment and the meridian systems. The ultimate goal is to promote a free flow of energy and blood that affords the body, mind and spirit balance and relaxation, less pain and more ease in daily life. Through my work at Warm Hearth Village, I offer an adjunct modality of healing in partnership with the clients and support them as they work with their health care team.”

Fitness center director Kenny Harrah said, “We are excited to re-open our massage services after our COVID hiatus. Our residents and Warm



COURTESY OF WARM HEARTH VILLAGE

LoraLeigh Giessler is a certified massage and somatic movement and expressive arts therapist who now offers massage appointments at the Warm Hearth Village Fitness Center.

Hearth Village fitness members have asked for more therapeutic services, and we are excited to have LoraLeigh helping people fine-tune their bodies and increase their overall health.”

The Warm Hearth Village Fitness Center is open to the public and also offers land- and pool-based classes, personal training, and daily pickleball games. Contact Harrah at 443-3474 to join and visit retire.org to learn more about what’s available at Warm Hearth Village, a nonprofit senior living community in Blacksburg that provides a full continuum of living options on its campus and in the home.

- Warm Hearth Village

VT entomologist says stink bugs make like humans in the winter by heading indoors and riding out the colder months

*By Max Esterhuizen,
Virginia Tech*

Kevin Rice, director of the Smith Agricultural and Research Center, says brown marmorated stink bugs make like humans in the winter by sheltering indoors and riding out the colder months. In the process, of course, they also make themselves nuisances.

Rice says adult stink

bugs tend to aggregate into groups when arriving at overwinter sites, creating nuisance problems for homeowners. Rice is the director of the Alson H. Smith Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center. In the spring and summer, these insects feed on a wide variety of fruit and vegetable crops.

“I have focused on novel trap design for monitoring brown

marmorated stink bugs and quantifying their movement patterns among landscapes,” Rice said. “I’m currently collaborating with a team of engineers and entomologists to use UV lasers and UAV to track brown marmorated stink bug movement among different landscapes.”

Rice said there is also hope that biological

See **Stink Bugs**, page 8

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday October 26th @ 4 PM

Investment Property for Sale Near Town of Floyd

811 East Main St. & Willis Ave, Floyd VA 24091

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2 Offerings just outside the town limits of Floyd VA

Offering # 1 - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with 1,508 sq. ft. of space. There is an attached single garage and a detached garage/outbuilding with 480 sq. ft. This would be a great fixer upper, investment property or business location! Situated on 0.376 acres just outside of the Town of Floyd limits and walking distance from restaurants, banks, doctor offices, shopping and more. The home has brick siding, a shingle roof, oil furnace, electric base-board, and a kerosene monitor. Home has a full basement which is partitioned and has a full bath.

Offering # 2 - 0.364 acres just outside the Town of Floyd limits. This property would be an excellent building site for a business, home, etc. The lot has town water and sewer available. There is an easement from Offering 1 through Offering 2 for water & sewer lines.

Preview: Thursday, October 13th at 4 PM

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OBITUARIES

Gray, Margaret L.

Margaret L. Gray passed away Oct. 3, 2022, at the age of 83. She was a devoted wife and longtime caregiver to her husband John Gray, Jr. She was also a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and neighbor, and a nurturing friend to any stray dog or cat fortunate enough to find its way to her home. Margaret was a graduate of Christiansburg High School. She was, for many years, an employee of Hills Department Store in Christiansburg. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, as well as her first husband, Sonny Willis, and several siblings. She is survived by her sister, Dorothy L. Sarver (Frank)



and a brother, Stanley Long, both of Christiansburg; her beloved niece Lisa S. Newman (Joel) of Ashland, Va.; and many other relatives and cherished friends. She was interred in a private ceremony Oct. 7, 2022, at Sunset Cemetery. To honor her memory, please consider a donation to help for the care of the feral cats she fed. They are in the care of Morgan Grace, 107 Hickock St., Christiansburg, VA 24073. Arrangements are with Horne Funeral Home & Crematory 540-382-2612.

Hamblin, William “Kainen”

William “Kainen” Hamblin, 26, Crosier; and many other relatives, and friends. A celebration of his life will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 at the New River Holiness Church, 3635 Peppers Ferry Road, Radford. The Hamblin family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.



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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Faith Christian Church of Christ, 305 3rd Street, Christiansburg, David Rhudy, Minister, 382-4628, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Worship 6:30 pm; Wednesday night Bible Study for Women and Men 6:30 pm. We welcome you to any and all of our services.
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West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School– 10:00A.M. Morning Worship– 11:00A.M., Children’s Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening – 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night – 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office – 540-639-6562 or 804- 921-0828.
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ECKANKAR
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Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation’s highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1–14

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Concord adds another Blue Demon baseball player

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Three former Christiansburg High School baseball players were already on the roster at Concord (WVa.) University, and this week, the Mountain Lions gained a commitment from another local player when senior Marshall Basham announced his intentions to sign with Concord.

A catcher, Basham is a 2023 graduate

and admits Concord has been high on his list because of the school’s physical therapy program. From behind the plate, he directed the Christiansburg pitching staff this past spring, which fell in the regional playoffs to Liberty Christian Academy.

Basham said he is excited to be back on the field, practicing and working with those former teammates. “It will feel like I’m right at home,” he said. “Plus I’ll most likely share a dorm room with one

of them.”

Basham’s goal for his freshman year is to compete for playing time and to get better at baseball every single day.

“Each year I just want to compete for more playing time. Whatever I need to do to help Concord baseball, that’s what I’ll do,” he said.

In addition to catching this past spring, he spent time at all the spots in the infield. But his passion is catching.

“I was recruited as a catcher, and

all of the conversations I’ve had with the Concord coaches have been geared toward catching. But I’ll play wherever they ask me to play,” he said.

This past season, Basham hit .426 with 39 hits and 32 runs batted in. He also added two home runs and had a onbase percentage of .529.

Concord is a Division II NCAA baseball program that includes former Blue Demons MJ Hunter, Ty Dunkleman, and Connor Brinzidine.

McConnell Golf to lease and manage Pete Dye River Course

McConnell Golf has agreed to a long-term leasing deal with the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., to lease the Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech in Radford, expanding its portfolio of premier golf courses into the Mid-Atlantic region.

The unmistakable elements of design by legendary golf course architect Pete Dye, along with Virginia Tech’s commitment to excellence and tradition are apparent in the river course.

The course’s distinctive look and feel of links golf in a unique setting is highlighted by the extraordinary clubhouse that rests on a rock cliff 70 feet above the historic New River. With two and one-half miles of frontage, every hole at The River Course offers memorable views of the New River Valley.

The River Course hosted the 2011 NCAA Regional Championships and the 2016 Virginia State Amateur Championships and is widely considered one of the best and most challenging courses in the region. It is also the proud home of Virginia Tech’s and Radford University’s golf teams. Its layout has also been featured in multiple golf course rankings in recent years, including:

- No. 7 Golfers’ Choice 2022: Best golf courses in Virginia
- No. 7 in GolfLink’s 25 Best College Golf Courses in the U.S. for Student Golfers
- No. 10 in Virginia in Golfweek’s Best Courses You Can Play 2022: State-by-state rankings for public-access layouts
- No. 14 in Golfweek’s Best 2022: Top 40 Campus Courses in the United States

“This place has all the ambiance and qualities that make a golf course

really good,” said Dye, who passed away in early 2020 at the age of 94. “Here you’ve got the sound of the river up and down the whole golf course the entire time. The river and scenery are unbelievable.”

Dye was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2008. Among the hundreds of highly regarded Dye-designed golf courses around the world are The Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra, Fla., The Ocean Course on Kiawah Island, S.C., Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island, S.C., and the Straits Course at Whistling Straits in Sheboygan, Wisc.

McConnell Golf is no stranger to Pete Dye courses, having had the master himself renovate his original design of The Cardinal in Greensboro, N.C., in 2006.

Founded in 2003, McConnell Golf is the largest owner of private clubs in the Southeast. McConnell Golf’s ownership collection — comprised of 14 golf courses, including 13 private courses and one semi-private course — includes Raleigh Country Club in Raleigh, N.C., the last design of fabled golf course architect Donald Ross, and another Ross design, Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, the annual site of the PGA Tour’s Wyndham Championship.

The latest addition to the Raleigh-based company’s stable of premier golf courses and clubs is a homecoming of sorts for company founder and CEO John McConnell.

McConnell grew up on a farm about two hours south of The River Course in Abingdon, Virginia, where he and his brothers would hit rubber balls with homemade golf clubs into tuna cans that were

used as cups. He played high school golf and continued to play casually as a student at Virginia Tech where he earned a Bachelor of Science in finance prior to his career in software sales. McConnell remains an avid and supportive Hokie alumnus.

The Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech is McConnell Golf’s second course in Virginia, joining The Water’s Edge Country Club on Smith Mountain Lake outside Roanoke.

McConnell Golf, founded in 2003, is currently the largest owner of private clubs in the region. McConnell Golf’s stable of premier private clubs, between managed and owned properties (13 private golf courses, two semi-private courses and one 27-hole public course), includes: Raleigh Country Club in Raleigh, N.C., Sedgefield Country Club and The Cardinal by Pete Dye in Greensboro, N.C., The Country Club at Wakefield Plantation in Raleigh, N.C., Old North State Club in New London, N.C., Treyburn Country Club in Durham, N.C., The Reserve Golf Club in Pawleys Island, S.C., Musgrove Mill Golf Club in Clinton, S.C., Brook Valley Country Club in Greenville, N.C., Porters Neck Country Club in Wilmington, N.C., Country Club of Asheville in Asheville, N.C., Providence Country Club in Charlotte, N.C., Holston Hills Country Club in Knoxville, Tenn., and The Water’s Edge Country Club in Penhook, Va. In addition to the semi-private Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech in Radford, McConnell Golf operates the 27-hole public Raleigh Golf Association in Raleigh, N.C.

- McConnell Golf

ACC baseball tourney to return to home of Durham Bulls

The Atlantic Coast Conference and Durham Bulls have announced that the ACC Baseball Championship will return to Durham Bulls Athletic Park in 2023. The 12-team tournament will be held next May 23-28.

The city of Durham has hosted the ACC Baseball Championship 12 times previously, including seven of the past 13 tournaments. The tournament single-game attendance record of 11,329 was set in 2013 at Durham Bulls Athletic Park (North Carolina versus NC State) and still stands as the largest crowd ever to view a college baseball game in the state of North Carolina.

The Bull City also played host to the second-largest crowd ever to watch a tournament championship game (9,759 for Florida State versus NC State in 2015).

“There’s terrific excitement surrounding our return to Durham for the 2023 ACC Baseball Championship,” said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips. “Our teams and fans always appreciate the first-class experience at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park, and we’ve not only set attendance records, but have enjoyed some of the most exciting games in the history of the ACC baseball championship. The Durham Bulls are amazing partners, and we are looking forward to another outstanding event.”

“We are proud to once again partner with the ACC to bring its baseball championship to Durham Bulls Athletic Park and the Triangle to showcase the best college baseball in the country,” said Durham Bulls Vice President Mike Birling. “The DBAP has hosted many memorable moments in ACC Championship history, and we look forward to continuing that in 2023.”

“Each championship event is a unique opportunity to showcase Durham as a championship hub, particularly when such a premier event returns for a remarkable 13th time,” said Marcus Manning, executive director of the Durham Sports Commission. “It’s also a demonstration of the Durham Bulls’ leadership and continued commitment to hosting events that have a wide-ranging impact on Durham and the Triangle area. The Durham Sports Committee is very excited to have this event back in Durham.”

For the first time in tournament

history, ACC Network will carry all games played Tuesday, May 23 through Saturday, May 27. ESPN or ESPN2 will continue to carry the Sunday Championship Game.

Durham Bulls Athletic Park has played host to the ACC Baseball Championship 10 times previously, most recently in 2019. The total attendance of 64,140 for the 2015 Championship was the third largest in tournament history.

Durham Athletic Park, the Bulls’ previous home venue, welcomed the ACC Championship in 1984 and 1986. The 2023 tournament will be the ACC’s 49th Baseball Championship and the 25th played in the state of North Carolina.

The 10,000-seat Durham Bulls Athletic Park, located in downtown Durham, can be accessed from the Durham Freeway. The ballpark reflects many characteristics of old-time parks and the historic downtown Durham architecture. A 32-foot-high wall stands in left field 305 feet from home plate, resembling Fenway Park’s Green Monster. The Blue Monster, as it’s called in Durham, contains a similar old-style manual scoreboard.

A roof covers approximately 2,500 seats behind home plate and down both the first- and third-base lines to the end of each dugout. All seats at the DBAP are extra wide with seat backs and extra leg room. More than 95 percent of the seats have cup holders. The stadium was designed and built so that every seat gives fans a great view of the field with an intimate ballpark feel.

The ballpark’s most distinctive feature is the Snorting Bull which stands tall above the Blue Monster. This bull was modeled after the bull used in the 1988 film, Bull Durham.

Next spring’s ACC Baseball Championship will again showcase some of the top talent in all of Division I. Nine ACC teams earned spots in the 2022 NCAA Championship field, one shy of the league record and tying for the most of any conference last season. The ACC has placed at least six teams in the NCAA tournament for 18 straight years.

- Atlantic Coast Conference

WILDLIFE REPORT

Mange confirmed in Virginia Bears

Since 2014, DWR has been monitoring reports of sarcoptic mange in Virginia’s black bears. Mange is a highly contagious skin disease caused by a mite that affects many wild and domestic animals. From 2014 to 2017 reports were sporadic and primarily focused in the northwestern mountain counties of Frederick and Shenandoah.

Since 2018 reports have increased in frequency and geographic spread, and mange has been confirmed in 18 counties. The public can play a key role in helping DWR understand and manage this disease,

not only by being on the lookout for bears infested with mites, but also by reporting them.

Currently, there are many unknowns related to the occurrence and spread of mange in bears. Research efforts are underway to understand these processes. Mites can transfer to a new host when an unaffected animal comes into direct physical contact with an infested host. In addition, mites that fall off an infested host can persist in the environment and may infect a new animal that enters a site contaminated with mange mites.

Because bears are

relatively solitary, the biggest risk for environmental transmission likely occurs under conditions where they congregate, either naturally (e.g., dens) or unnaturally (e.g., garbage cans, bait

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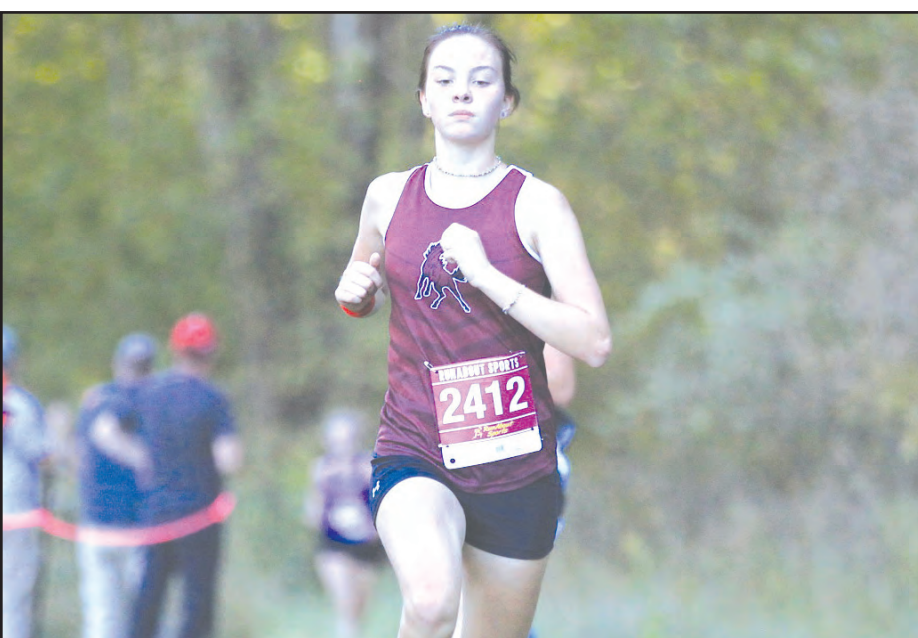
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Racers tackle Alta Mons course



Aija McHone races at the start on her home course for the Mustangs during Wednesday's Eastern Montgomery High School Invitational at Camp Alta Mons. McHone placed 7th overall (22:54).



Olivia Wilbon placed 23rd for the Eastern Montgomery girls' team in the EMHS Invitational.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING
Eastern Montgomery freshman Spencer Sisson placed 12th to lead the Mustang boys at the EMHS Invitational.

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piles, bird feeders and other food resources).

Virginia's first mange-affected bear was diagnosed in a bear from Rockingham County in 1994. From 2014 to 2017 reports were sporadic and primarily focused in the northwestern mountain counties of Frederick and Shenandoah. Since 2018, reports have increased in frequency and geographic spread, and mange has been confirmed in 14 counties. DWR asks anyone who sees a bear showing signs of mange as described below to take photos, note your exact location (take GPS coordinates, if possible), and submit this information to the VA Wildlife Conflict Helpline at vawildlifeconflict@usda.gov or (1-855-571-9003).

- Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

A composite image featuring two photographs. On the left, a close-up of an elderly couple smiling. On the right, a woman with blonde hair sitting on a bicycle with a basket of white daisies.

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